

REMARKS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 11,12,13, as being anticipated by Ketan Muni's US Patent 6,454,741. The claims as amended include an element missing from the Muni teaching. The term "extraction section" is a generic term adopted by the applicant to describe the three different embodiments shown in Fig. 6, 7,8. . In each of these an input fluid is ejected and mixed with ambient fluid to create a wall attached entrained flow. The claims are amended to supply additional detail so that the structure of the "extraction section" is clear.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-10 and 14-16 as being unpatentable over Azizi in view of Muni and or Imran. In the Examiners view the number and location of occlusion balloons is a matter of obvious choice. The applicant disagrees. It is always desirable to use as few a number of balloons as possible to carry out a therapy. The question is "how to do it" Applicants claimed process the minimum number of balloons is provided and this can done because of the extraction section 12 and its flow character. The claimed occlusion structures in combination with the required extraction section are not found in any combination of the references in part because the extraction section is not found in any of these references.. Claim 2 has been amend with more explicit definition of the "extraction section". This change is carried through the dependant claims. If considered useful by the Examiner a corresponding Examiner amended may be made in the reaming claims however in applicants view the claim amendments introduced meet the 112 requirements without additional changes.

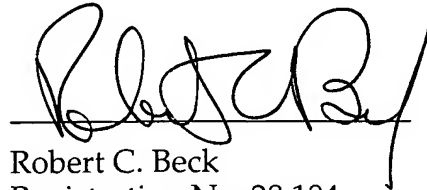
CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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